

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING**

November 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

**Utah Law & Justice Center
645 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, Utah**

Present:

Lois Richins, Vice-Chair
James Jardine
Tami King
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Kraig Powell
Hon. Stephen Roth
Hon. Todd Shaughnessy
Sen. Stephen Urquhart (via telephone)
Terry Welch

Excused:

Rep. Brian King
Robert Behunin

Staff:

Colin Winchester
Aimee Thoman
Sara Sherman

1. Welcome. Ms. Richins welcomed the Commissioners and staff to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion:	Mr. Welch	To approve the Minutes of the public portion of the October 20, 2015, meeting as distributed.
Second:	Judge Roth	
Vote:	Unanimous	

3. Budget. Mr. Winchester reviewed the budget information through October 31, 2015, noting that although 32.0% of the fiscal year had elapsed, only 31.5% of the appropriated funds had been spent.

4. Statistical Report. Mr. Winchester reviewed the statistical report.

Number of complaints filed to date in FY16	35
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	0
Number of cases pending before the Commission	0
Number of cases under full investigation	2
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	19
Total number of open files	21

5. 24th National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. Commissioners and staff who attended the college shared thoughts and highlights. Items of interest included: public integrity; training for new Commission members; differences between our Commission's processes and the processes employed by other commissions; opportunities to visit with others from our state and around the nation; the value of public members; the benefits of legislative membership; the effect of differences in judicial selection processes; and our Commission's ability to interact cordially with other entities even when differences of opinion exist.

6. Closure of Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Jardine

To close the meeting to the public for the purpose of conducting a confidential session.

Second: Mr. Welch

Vote:

Note: Due to an oversight, no vote on this motion was taken at the November 17 meeting. However, at the subsequent meeting held January 19, 2016, the Commission unanimously ratified the closure of the November 17 meeting.

At the conclusion of the confidential portion of the meeting, the meeting was re-opened to the public.

7. Next Meeting. The next Commission meeting will be held at the Utah Law & Justice Center on January 19, 2016, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment.

Motion: Rep. Powell

To adjourn.

Second: Mr. Welch